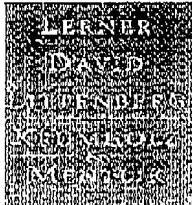


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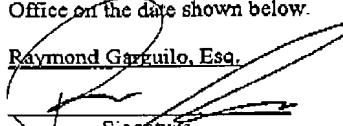
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COMMUNICATION

Dear Sir:

As per our telephone interview on April 5, 2004, we have recently realized that DiStefano et al. United States Patent Number 6,324,754 ("DiStefano") which is cited under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being prior art against the above identified matter, does not qualify as prior art.

Specifically, DiStefano has a filing date of March 25, 1998, while the above-identified matter has a priority date of March 26, 1998, one day after the filing date of DiStefano. Thus, DiStefano does not qualify as 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) prior art since it was published less than one year prior to the filing of the above identified matter. Secondly, DiStefano also does not qualify as prior art under 35

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U.S.C. § 102(e) since it is commonly owned by the same inventive entity of the above identified matter.

In order to simplify matters, we request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) for which DiStefano is cited be withdrawn.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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